## ABSTRACT

A discrete rotor position estimation method for a synchronized reluctance motor is provided. A d.c.-link voltage  $V_{dc}$  and a phase current  $I_{ph}$  are sensed. 5 linkage  $\lambda_{ph}$  of an active phase is calculated from the sensed d.c.-link voltage  $V_{\text{dc}}$  and the sensed phase current  $I_{ph}.$  The calculated flux-linkage  $\lambda_{ph}$  is compared with a reference flux-linkage  $\lambda_r$ . The reference flux-linkage  $\lambda_r$ corresponds to a reference angle heta , which lies between 10 angles corresponding to aligned rotor position and nonaligned rotor position in the synchronized reluctance motor. An estimated rotor position  $\theta_{\text{cal}}$  is obtained only once when the calculated flux-linkage  $\lambda$   $_{\text{ph}}$  is greater than the reference flux-linkage  $\lambda_r$ . 15